

### REMARKS

In the aforesaid final Office Action, claims 1-17 and 19-25 were allowed, and claim 26 was rejected. Claims 1-17 and 19-25 are pending (claim 26 being cancelled by this amendment).

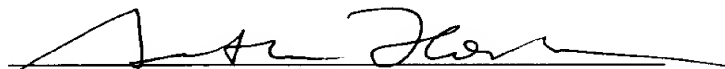
Applicants have cancelled claim 26, and have amended claims 7, 16 and 17 to correct typographical errors.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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